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JAMAICA.

Kingston-Quarantine Against Porto Rico.

Vice Consul Orrett reports June 27 that at a meeting of the central quarantine board, held in Kingston, June 26, to consider the outlook of the plague in Porto Rico, it was decided: (a) That no vessel calling at any port in Porto Rico shall be admitted to enter any port in this island; (b) all vessels touching at Porto Rico and arriving at any out port will be ordered to the quarantine station at Port Royal, in Kingston Harbor, which has been designated the plague-quarantine ground for the entire island.

There is very little trading between the island of Jamaica and Porto Rico, as only a steamer of the Hamburg-American Line makes connections, via Haiti, once a month. The opportunities of infection, therefore, with reasonable precautions, may be considered remote.

JAVA.

Batavia-Typhus Fever.

Consul Rairden reports the occurrence of 2 cases of typhus fever, with 1 death, during the 2 weeks ended June 25, 1912.

MEXICO.

Mexico City-Smallpox-Typhus Fever.

Consul Shanklin at Mexico City reports for the two weeks ended June 1, 1912, 108 cases of typhus fever, with 18 deaths; also 94 cases of smallpox, with 43 deaths, in Mexico City.

San Juan Bautista-Yellow Fever.

The American consul at Frontera reports July 14: Since telegram of July 7 three new cases of yellow fever officially reported in the capital (San Juan Bautista).

PORTO RICO.

Plague Situation.

On July 11 and 12, no case of plague was reported in Porto Rico. On July 13, 2 cases were reported in the section of San Juan known as Puerto de Tierra. On July 14, 1 fatal case was reported in Dorado, a town about 12 miles from San Juan. This is the first case occurring in Dorado, and active measures were at once instituted to control and eradicate this focus of infection. This makes to July 15, a total for all Porto Rico of 37 cases with 23 deaths.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel reported by letter July 9 regarding plague in Porto Rico as follows:

The first case of human plague was recognized on June 14, in the person of a Porto Rican who had taken sick June 12. This case terminated fatally June 17. The following is a list of human plague cases occurring to the present time (July 9), with the exception of the two probable cases admitted to hospital on or about June 1 under the diagnosis, "nonvenereal bubo," and of which the histories were strongly indicative of bubonic plague.